

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

IRWM Grant Program – Planning Grant, Round 1, FY 2010-2011

Applicant	Imperial Irrigation District	County	Imperial
Project Title	Imperial Integrated Regional Water Management Plan	Grant Request	\$1,000,000
		Total Project Cost	\$1,512,500

Project Description The proposal develops an IRWM Plan to help the Imperial Region meet the defined objectives, to better manage the Colorado River supplies and local groundwater, prevent local conflicts, and ensure the beneficial uses of water by all users. The Plan will prioritize projects for groundwater banking to store Colorado River water, desalination of brackish groundwater or drain water, reclamation of wastewater, and exchange of water within the region to meet the water supply and quality needs of the area.

Evaluation Summary

Scoring Criterion	Score
Work Plan	12
DAC Involvement	10
Schedule	10
Budget	6
Program Preferences	4
Geographic Balance	0
Total Score	42

- **Work Plan** The work plan provides a description of the IRWMG and stakeholders; however, no list of agencies or stakeholders is provided. IID & Imperial County are clearly active members in the RWMG, but the other partners in the Governance structure don't appear to be actively participating. Also, it is not clear why a large portion of the region's water use (96% by agriculture) is not addressed in the Plan. It is unclear how the agricultural community will be engaged to address their water use and water quality issues.
- **DAC Involvement** Proposal shows that outreach efforts were made to involve DACs in development of Plan. Effort to engage DACs is ongoing. All but one out of the identified communities in the Region are considered disadvantaged. Tasks in the work plan will continue outreach and coordination with DAC and other stakeholders.
- **Schedule** Schedule is consistent with work plan and budget but seems somewhat aggressive with respect to tasks and deliverables. It may be a formidable task to produce and integrate all of the work items into the IRWMP within the given timeline.
- **Budget** Budget for proposal is given as a summary of the overall project and lacks supporting documentation and detail. Labor rates and hours associated with specific task are not provided.
- **Program Preference** The proposal demonstrates and lays out a high level of certainty that four program preferences will be implemented. Those program preferences are: include regional projects or programs, address critical water supply or needs of DAC, climate change response, and integrated flood management.
- **Geographic Balance** Not Applicable